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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, JA, LY
SUBJECT: JAPANESE PLANS TO BID FOR LIBYAN OIL
REF: A) TOKYO 16247 B) STATE 246095 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO *[Redacted]* MITI'S

DECISION ON WHETHER TO ALLOW JAPANESE OIL COMPANIES TO
BID ON LIBYAN OIL WAS MADE AT CABINET MEETING ON DEC. 18.
[Redacted] DECLINED TO SAY WHAT DECISION HAD BEEN. HE
WOULD ONLY SAY THAT GOJ HAD NOT DECIDED TO ENCOURAGE JAPANESE
FIRMS TO TAKE PART IN BIDDING, BUT ON OTHER HAND HAD NOT
DECIDED TO PROHIBIT JAPANESE PARTICIPATION. *[Redacted]*
THAT AS FAR AS MITI COULD DETERMINE, ONLY ONE JAPANESE FIRM
HAD ENTERED BID FOR LIBYAN OIL.

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3. ALONG LINES OF MITSUBISHI'S COMMENTS IN REFTEL (A),
[REDACTED] OF KYODO OIL CO. [REDACTED] TOLD EMBOFF
DEC. 18 THAT MAJOR JAPANESE REFINERS AND TRADERS WERE
RELUCTANT TO TAKE PART IN LIBYAN BIDDING NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF
EXPECTED HIGH PRICES, ALSO FROM DESIRE TO AVOID
DISPUTES WITH MAJORS IN HOT OIL.

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4. EMBASSY HAS AGAIN TOLD BOTH FONOFF AND MITI
THAT WE REGARD LIBYAN NATIONALIZATION ACTIONS AS
VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND URGE OTHER GOVERNMENTS
NOT TO SUPPORT PURCHASE OF OIL, TITLE TO WHICH IS UNCLEAR.
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